Bennington County Regional Commission

MINUTES
50th Annual Meeting
May 18, 2017
Publyk House – Route 7A – Bennington, VT

Present:

- BCRC Staff: Mark Anders, Catherine Bryars, Bill Colvin, Stacey Eggware, Jim Henderson, Michelle Marrocco, Allison Strohl, Jim Sullivan

- BCRC Commissioners:
  Steven Bendix, Sunderland
  Judy Boehlert, Sandgate
  Donald Campbell, Conservation
  Suzy dePeyster, Sandgate
  Nancy Faesy, Dorset
  Janet Hurley, Manchester Village
  Walter Klinger, Pownal
  Bruce Lierman, Transportation
  Anthony MacLaurin, Village of Manchester
  Dan Monks, Bennington
  Pauline Moore, Manchester
  Paul Myers, Peru
  Charlie Rockwell, Rupert
  Jonathan Ryan, Housing
  Ed Shea, Woodford
  Greg Van Houten, Bennington

- Guest Speaker: Ellen Stimson

- Guests: Leslie Addison, John La Vecchia, Zirwat Chowdhury, John La Vecchia Jr., Kayla Becker, Stephanie Lane, Michael Becker, Gary Langsdale, Rita Bendix, Anne MacLaurin, Ron Bisson, Bruce Martel, Marsha Bisson, Caroline Martel, Cindy Brownell, Michael McDonough, Amy Buckley, Amanda Monks, Kelly Clarke, Colin Moore, Jon DelSordo, Bob Pinsonneault, Valarie dePeyster, David Rees, Jason Dolmetsch, Tyler Resch, Karen Dzailo, Ann Resch, Collette Galusha, Barbara Schlesinger, Dennis Galusha, Linda Sciarappa, James Hand, Jay Sciarappa, Matt Harrington, David Silver,
Following a social hour and dinner, the business meeting was called to order by Chair, Dan Monks, at 6:55 PM.

I. Election of Officers and Chair’s Remarks

Dan Monks welcomed everyone to the meeting and then announced that the following officers and interest group representatives, advanced by the BCRC’s Nominating Committee, had been elected by a majority vote of commissioners:

CHAIR: Janet Hurley (Manchester)
VICE-CHAIR: Meg Cottam (Glastenbury)
SECRETARY: Daniel Monks (Bennington)
TREASURER: Suzanne dePeyster (Sandgate)

Liz Ruffa Local Food & Agriculture
Jonathan Ryan Housing
Bruce Lierman Transportation
Cathy Vogel Community Public Health
Dina Janis Economic Development
Wayn Goodman Energy
Donald Campbell Conservation
Greg Van Houten Local Business

Mr. Monks expressed his appreciation to his fellow commissioners at this, his final meeting as chair, and added his acknowledgement of the dedication and productivity of BCRC’s staff and executive director.

II. Executive Director, Jim Sullivan, thanked Mr. Monks for his service as chair of the BCRC, and then reviewed some of the BCRC’s history, highlighting projections from the original Bennington County Regional Plan that did not bear out, as well as the many planning goals and policies that have endured and served the region’s communities well over the years. He then recognized each staff member and the work that they do in each of the Commission’s program areas, and concluded with some thoughts about the future. He then introduced the evening’s guest speaker, author and Dorset resident, Ellen Stimson.

III. Guest Speaker

Ellen Stimson spoke about her family’s move to Vermont and various humorous experiences that are included in her book, Mud Season, that was distributed to each person at tonight’s dinner.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:50 PM.